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BRITISH FOREIGN MINISTER REPLIES TO GERMAN CHANCELLOR'S RECENT INTERVIEW.

DENIES "SCRAP OF PAPER" WAS ENGLISH DOCTRINE

Tells Why Plans for Defense of Belgium Were Made a Necessity.

LONDON, January 27.—Sir Edward Grey, the British secretary of state for foreign affairs, has authorized the following statement in reply to an interview with Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German imperial chancellor, obtained by a representative of the Associated Press and published in London, January 26 and in the United States, January 25:

"The secretary of state for foreign affairs authorizes the publication of the following observations upon the report of an interview recently granted by the German chancellor to an American correspondent. It is not surprising that the German chancellor should show anxiety to explain away his now historic phrase about a treaty being a mere scrap of paper."

"The phrase has made a deep impression because the progress of the world largely depends upon the sanctity of agreements between individuals and between nations, and the policy disclosed in Herr von Bethmann-Hollweg's phrases tends to debase the legal and moral currency of civilization."

What German Chancellor Said.

"What the German chancellor said was that Great Britain in requiring Germany to respect the neutrality of Belgium was going to make war just for a word, just for a scrap of paper—that is, that Great Britain was making a mountain out of a molehill. He now asks the American public to believe that he meant the exact opposite of what he said, that it was Great Britain who really regarded the neutrality of Belgium as a mere trifle and that it was Germany who took her responsibilities toward the neutral states so seriously."

"The arguments by which Herr von Bethmann-Hollweg seeks to establish the two sides of this case are in flat contradiction of the plain facts. 'First, the German chancellor alleges that England in 1911 was determined to throw troops into Belgium without the assent of the Belgian government.' This allegation is absolutely false. It is based upon certain documents found in Brussels which record conversations between British and Belgian officers in 1906 and again in 1911."

Informal in Character.

"The fact that there is no note of these conversations at the British war office or the foreign office shows that they were of a purely informal character, and that no military agreement of any sort was at either time made between the two governments. Before any conversations took place between the British and the Belgian officers, the British was expressly laid down on the British side that discussion of the military possibilities was to be addressed to the manner in which, in case of need, British assistance could be most effectively afforded to Belgium for the purpose of her neutrality, and on the Belgian side a marginal note upon the record explains that 'the copy of the English plan into Belgium would only take place after the violation of our (Belgian) neutrality by Germany.'"

"As regards the conversation of 1911, the Belgian officer said to the British officer: 'You could only land in our country with the assent of the Belgian government.' Sir Edward Grey gave the Belgian government a categorical assurance that the British government would violate the neutrality of Belgium, and that so long as it was not violated by any other power we should certainly not send troops ourselves into their territory."

"The chancellor's method of misusing documents may be illustrated in this connection. He represents Sir Edward Grey as saying 'he did not believe England would take such a step because he did not think English public opinion would justify such action.'"

"What Sir Edward Grey actually said was that he believed that the British government would not be the first to violate the neutrality of Belgium, and I did not believe that any British government would be the first to do so nor would public opinion here ever approve of it."

Built Strategical Railways.

"If the German chancellor wishes to know why there were conversations on military subjects between British and Belgian officers he may find one reason in a fact well known to him, namely, that Germany was establishing an elaborate network of strategical railways leading from the Rhine to the Belgian frontier through a barren, thinly populated tract. The railways were deliberately constructed to permit a sudden attack upon Belgium, and as was carried out in August last."

"In the second part of the German chancellor's interview, the German 'may' took her responsibility toward the neutral states seriously, he alleges that the 'may' was a mere trifle, and that the wrong committed by Germany in invading Belgium."

"That a man knows the right while doing the wrong is not usually accepted as proof of his serious conscientiousness."

"The reason of Germany's refusal was given by Herr von Bethmann-Hollweg's colleague (the German foreign minister, Herr von Jagow). It may be paraphrased in the well known words of Shakespeare: 'Thrice he has sworn that he will quarrel just, but four times he has taken his oath in vain.'"

"They had to advance into France," said Herr von Jagow, "by the quickest and easiest way, so as to be able to get well ahead with their operations and endeavor to strike some decisive blow as early as possible."

"Germany's real attitude toward Belgium was thus frankly given by the German foreign secretary to the British ambassador, and the German chancellor, in his speech to the Reichstag, claimed the right to commit a wrong in violation of the military necessity of making his way through the 'may' which forbade the wrong was by comparison a mere scrap of paper."

Pledge Demanded of England.

"The German chancellor spoke to the American correspondent of his efforts for years to bring about an understanding between England and Germany. An understanding, he added, which would have 'absolutely guaranteed the peace of Europe.'"

variation with the British ambassador in August last he may have been a bit excited at seeing the hopes and wishes of the whole world of his chancellorship going for naught, considering that at the date of the conversation, August 4, Germany already had made war on France, the natural conclusion that the shipwreck of the chancellor's hopes consisted not in a European war, but in the fact that England had not agreed to stand out of it.

"The sincerity of the German chancellor's professions to the American correspondent may be brought to a very simple test, the application of which is more apt than because it serves to recall one of the leading facts which produced the present war."

Might Have Averted War.

"Herr von Bethmann-Hollweg refused the proposal which England put forward, and in which France, Italy and Russia concurred, for a conference at which the dispute would have been settled and honorable terms made with out war. If he really wished to work with England for peace why did he not accept that proposal? He must have known after the Balkan conference in London that England could be trusted."

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RETAIL MERCHANTS RE-ELECT OFFICERS

Members Discuss Regulation for Parking Automobiles—Three Firms Admitted.

All the officers of the Retail Merchants' Association were re-elected by the board of governors at a meeting held last night at the Metropolitan Hotel. The officers for the coming year are: President, Isaac Gans, second vice president, E. C. Graham, treasurer, M. D. Rosenberg, general counsel, and Charles J. Columbus, secretary.

Lawrence E. Bro. and Maurice Joyce Engraving Company and Barnhart Bros. & Spindler were elected members of the association. The police regulation prohibiting the parking of automobiles on certain business streets for more than fifteen minutes was the subject of discussion. Claude E. Miller, chairman of a special committee, reported that the Commissioners have been asked to grant a hearing on the regulation. The extension of the time to one hour will be urged.

Licensing Advertising Solicitors.

Anton Stephen, M. D. Rosenberg and Joseph Shipley were appointed a committee to take up the matter of licensing advertising solicitors with the District Commissioners, with a view of having them favor the introduction of a bill in Congress.

A letter was read from Philander Johnson asking endorsement by the association of a plan to change the name of Pennsylvania avenue to the Avenue of the Presidents. No action on the matter was taken.

Trip of Inspection Authorized.

The association voted an appropriation to cover the expenses of a trip to be taken by Secretary Columbus to Chicago, Indianapolis, Cleveland and other middle west cities to investigate the operation of the merchants' associations of those cities. Mr. Columbus expects to leave Saturday night.

A letter received from the Hotel Men's Association asking the endorsement of a proposition to erect a convention hall in this city. The matter was referred to the joint conventions committee.

MISS CHESTER DEAD.

Had Been an Untiring Worker for Religion and Philanthropy.

Miss Elizabeth Chester, daughter of the late Rev. William Chester, secretary of the Presbyterian board of education, died at her residence, 1523 O street northwest Monday. She was seventy-seven years old. Funeral services were held at the family home this morning at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Hickok of the Metropolitan Presbyterian Church officiating. Interment is to be in Laurel Hill cemetery, Philadelphia.

Miss Chester was known as an untiring worker in religious and philanthropic circles. A niece, Miss Lilly A. Chester, of this city, and two nephews, Rev. William Chester of New York city, and Rev. John Chester of Castleton, N. Y., survive her.

Given Chance to Hold License.

Notice to show cause by Friday of this week why the license of Dr. Clevy Sanatorium should not be revoked has been served on officials of the institution by the District Commissioners. Recently the Commissioners were presented with a petition signed by a large number of residents of Hingham, requesting revocation of the license of the sanatorium, which is located at 32d and Tennyson streets, on the ground that it had become a public nuisance.

W. A. Smith to Address Citizens.

W. A. Smith is to speak at a meeting of the Brightwood Park Citizens' association, scheduled for 8 o'clock this evening in Van Horn Hall, Georgia avenue and Longfellow street northwest.

Here Is Good News for Stomach Victims

Some very remarkable results are being obtained by treating stomach, liver and intestinal troubles with pure vegetable oils, which exert a cleansing, soothing and purifying action upon the lower bowels, removing the obstructions of poisonous fecal matter and gases and preventing the absorption by the blood. This done, the food is allowed free passage from the stomach, fermentation cases and stomach troubles quickly disappear.

HOUSE DEBATE BRINGS ON A PERSONAL CLASH

Mann and O'Shaughnessy in Row Over Public Health Service "Lobby."

In a row between Representative O'Shaughnessy of Rhode Island and Representative Mann of Illinois, the republican floor leader, today the Rhode Island man charged Representative Mann with making loose statements and being incorrect in his claim that the public health service officials are lobbying for salary increases instead of attending to their business.

The bill under discussion was a measure to accomplish several changes, one of which is an increase in certain traveling allowances, etc. Representative Mann declared that all of the principal officers in the service had received salary increases two years ago, and that there has been a practical lobby for the present bill by the same officers of the service.

Better for the Service.

"If they would stop trying to get increases in salaries and attend to their business the service would be better off," said Representative Mann, amid applause. Representative O'Shaughnessy asked Representative Mann for specific cases, and, receiving none, said: "It is my belief that there is no such thing as Mr. Mann charges."

"I challenge that statement," said Mr. Mann. "You can challenge it all you want, nevertheless it is my belief," said the Rhode Island democrat, who then went on to criticize the republican party for not having increased the salaries of some of the clerks in the lower grades, which that party was in power.

Debate Becomes Personal.

Representative Mann charged him with partisanship, and declared that Mr. O'Shaughnessy had not noticed any lobby, because "he did not know when he was being worked."

"I don't know what is working you," said Mr. O'Shaughnessy, and the two men held a running battle of names at the same time. The house was able to make out that Mr. O'Shaughnessy was charging Mr. Mann with saying "loud and nasty things" and Mr. Mann was charging Mr. O'Shaughnessy with having a "sweet temper."

DRUMMING UP VOTES.

Labor Leaders Anticipate President's Veto of Immigration Bill.

In anticipation of the President's veto of the immigration bill, labor leaders in Congress today canvassed the House office building in an effort to drum up enough votes to pass the bill over the veto of the measure with the literacy test embodied in it. Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, and three others spent part of this morning in the House committee on labor checking off lists of House members who would have to be canvassed and appealed to for an affirmative vote.

In the meantime, preparations have been made by Chairman Burnett of the immigration committee to take the bill up for a vote immediately in case a veto message should be received. Congress has also been circulated by the American Federation of Labor, and the views of the organization in favor of the literacy test.

EARTHQUAKES IN PANAMA.

Isthmus Suffers Three Shocks, None of Them Damaging.

PANAMA, January 27.—Three short, sharp earthquakes have shook the Isthmus of Panama in the last few days, the third and occurring yesterday. None of the shocks did any damage, though the inhabitants were considerably frightened.

Reports from points along the canal show that the shocks caused no ill effects.

Dismissed Midshipman Departs.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., January 27.—Leonard C. Kirby, jr., member of the first class of midshipmen, whose recommendation for dismissal from the service was approved by the naval authorities at Washington, left the academy today. The action against Kirby, because of violation of the regulations regarding intoxicating liquors. He had secreted a bottle in the locker of a classmate.

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Abe Martin Says:



It's so quiet down our way that you kin hear th' rustle of a pair o' overalls two miles away.

Standin' on th' dignity makes some fellers look shorter.

Next t' th' drug habit th' hardest thing t' overcome is a good bass voice.

A country hut-tel has two rates—three dollars a week, or two dollars a day.

Throat and Lungs—Father John's Medicine soothes and heals. Builds up. Advertisement.

BUREAU TO CUT FORCE.

Nearly 100 to Be Let Out by February 15, It Is Stated.

Fifty or more girls who have been employed as printers' assistants at the bureau of engraving and printing are to be out of work by February 15. The girls are to be furloughed February 1 for a period of five months. At least thirty, and possibly forty, are to suffer the same misfortune February 15.

The expansion of the bureau of engraving and printing money and stamps, which has required a large extra force at the bureau is practically over, and a reduction in force is necessary to meet the more normal conditions.

EMPLOYERS ARE NOTIFIED

United States Bureau Sends Out Blanks to Be Filled by Those Needing Help.

The government employment bureau began actual business yesterday afternoon, when thousands of notices were sent out to employers throughout the country informing them of the new service. Blanks on which information as to the kind and number of employees wanted may be noted, accompanied the notice, and the employers are instructed to fill them out and forward them to the employment clearing house, in the Department of Labor, at Washington.

Just like the commercial employment bureau, the department's notice says that careful attention will be paid to the selection of applicants with a view to directing them to employers only such help as is specified in the applications received.

Although not in so many words, the tone of the last paragraph of the notice is to "keep us in mind. If not in need now, call on us when you want employees. We have a fine list. Fill our card away for the future."

Eugenic marriages have been approved by the Indiana state senate. The bill passed by that all persons seeking marriage license must obtain a health certificate.

Keep Your Lungs Strong

This advice is doubly important with the knowledge that every three minutes some one in the United States succumbs to consumption and many refuse to realize they are afflicted until it is too late.

It is after colds or sickness, from overwork, continuing duties or when general weakness exists that tubercular germs thrive because the resistive powers of the body are weakened.

Only fresh air, sunshine and abundant rich food that can hope to arrest their progress and the consequent fatal results in Scrofula Emulsion furnish food for rich blood, and its rare nourishment helps strengthen the lungs while it builds up the forces.

If you work indoors, tire easily, feel languid or run down, Scott's Emulsion is the most strengthening food-medicine known, and is free from alcohol or stupefying drugs. Avoid substitutes.

Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

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